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SUBJECT: SOMALI REPRESENTATION AT UNGA

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1. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT PRESIDENT SIAD WILL NOT RPT NOT ATTEND
30TH UNGA.

2. SOMALI NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN OF AUGUST 21 ADVISES THAT SECSTATE
FOR EXTERNAL COMMERCE AHMED MOHAMED MOHAMOUD WILL REPRESENT SOMALIA
AT 30TH UNGA SESSION. AHMED MOHAMED WILL ALSO REPRESENT SOMALIA
AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AT LIMA AND ADVANCE MEETING OF ARAB
FOREIGN MINISTERS WHICH WILL MEET TO DISCUSS ARAB STRATEGY AT LIMA.

3. SIAD'S CHOICE OF AHMED MOHAMED IS YET ANOTHER INDICATION OF DECLIN
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OF SECSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OMAR ARTEH.

4. AHMED MOHAMED MOHAMOUD IS TOUGH, INDEPENDENT-MINED SOMALI
SOCIALIST WHO IS ALSO ONE OF MOST INTELLIGENT AND CAPABLE MEN IN
SIAD GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT RPT NOT MEMBER OF SUPREME
REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (SRC), HE HAS INFLUENCE WITH PRESIDENT,
ESPECIALLY ON ECONOMIC MATTERS, WHICH GOES BEYOND HIS OFFICIAL
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POSITION. HE IS HARD NEGOTIATOR AND SIAD USED HIM TO ESCORT

CONGRESSMAN STRATTON AND COMPANY TO BEBERA WHEN MORE FORCEFUL
HAND WAS NECESSARY TO KEEP US OBSERVERS ON TIGHT REIN.

5. AHMED MOHAMED RECEIVED MA AND BA IN ECONOMICS FROM UNIVERSITY
OF MANCHESTER, WAS IN PLANNING MINISTRY IN OLD REGIME AND IS NOW
SECRETARY FOR INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL TRADE. HE WAS IV GRANTEE
IN US 1966-67. HE IS DEDICATED TO SOMALI NATION-BUILDING ALONG
SOCIALIST LINES, IS EXTREMELY WELL-INFORMED ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES,
AND -- IF HE HAD HIS WAY -- WOULD ADVOCATE SOMALI FOREIGN POLICY
ORIENTATION WHICH IS MORE CREDIBLY NON-ALIGNED THAN AT PRESENT.

6. AHMED HOHAMED IS RESERVED, SOMETIMES ARROGANT, IS EXTREMELY
PROUD AND HAS LITTLE TIME FOR SMALL TALK OR DIPLOMATIC FORMALITIES.
HE HAS BEEN DEEPLY CRITICAL OF US POLICIES -- BOTH ECONOMIC AND
POLITICAL -- IN AFRICA AND THIRD WORLD BUT IS GENUINELY MAN OF
SUBSTANCE WHO IS WILLING TO DISCUSS ISSUES. HIS BARK IS WORSE
THAN HIS BITE.
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